



# I-17/Carefree Highway Traffic Interchange INFORMATION SHEET



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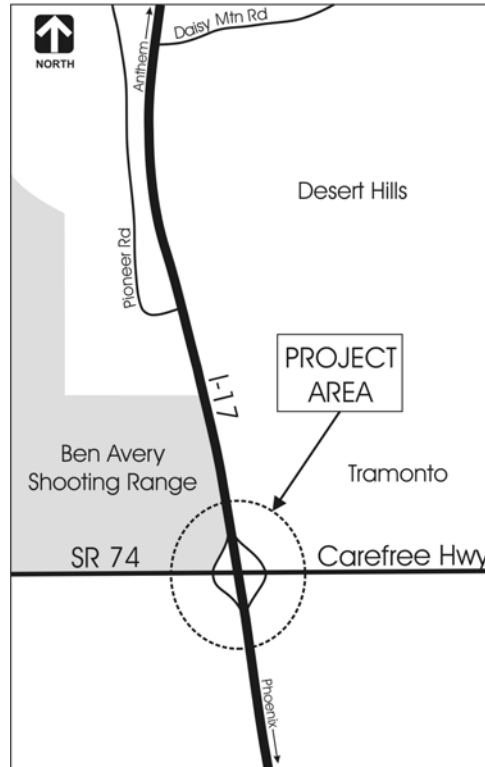
The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and Federal Highway Administration are conducting a re-evaluation study of possible improvements to the I-17/Carefree Highway traffic interchange in northern Phoenix (map, right). The purpose of the study is to work with the public and government agencies to develop and evaluate alternatives for reconstructing the interchange to improve flow for existing and future traffic volumes.

A public meeting was held on September 22, 2005, to get your input on the project issues and alternatives. Since then, the study team has reflected on the feedback received, developed ways to address your concerns in the design of the interchange, and evaluated alternatives in terms of anticipated traffic delays.

Tonight we bring you a **preferred alternative** based on the preliminary results of the re-evaluation study and your feedback. The other alternatives that were considered are shown on the back of this sheet; please see the large color handout for the preferred alternative.

Your input on the preferred alternative presented tonight is very important in building consensus on the best solution for the I-17/Carefree Highway traffic interchange. Based on your feedback, the study team will refine the design concept and finalize the preferred alternative.

ADOT is expediting the development process



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so that final design can begin as quickly as possible. The re-evaluation study is expected to be completed by the end of this year, and final design of the interchange improvement will begin immediately following completion of this study.

ADOT is currently seeking additional funding in order to finance the construction of this project as soon as possible. Depending on fiscal constraints, it is anticipated that construction will begin in 2008. In the meantime, an interim improvement with temporary signals and lane widening will be constructed in early 2006 to improve traffic flow and turning opportunities.

Pending the outcome of tonight's meeting, ADOT anticipates that this will be the last public meeting regarding the re-evaluation study. An additional public meeting will likely be held during the final design phase.

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## **About Tonight's Meeting**

- We are here to report on public feedback from the previous meeting, update the public on the study findings, present a preferred alternative, and get public comments on the preferred alternative.
- A question-and-answer session will be held immediately following the presentation.
- Please complete a comment sheet. You may leave it with us tonight, or send it to the address indicated on the sheet by November 29, 2005.

